

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Matthew 5.

Matthew 5:1-2 "Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying. . ." (NAS)

Over the next 3 days, we will be reading Matthew 5-7, also known as "The Sermon on the Mount." Here Jesus sat down and taught not only His closest followers, but it is believed He taught many others as well.

I am guessing more sermons, sermon notes, books, and commentaries have been passed along on these three chapters than just about any three chapters throughout the rest of scripture. Through this sermon, Jesus shared the Beatitudes and where happiness comes from. He instructs His disciples on the importance of loving one another, forgiving those who have offended you, and caring for the poor and less fortunate. He instructs His followers to be salt and to bring light to a dark world. He speaks on humility, not storing up treasures on earth but being rich in heavenly deeds. He warns against being concerned about material things and being anxious for things we have no control over, and to learn to trust that God will take care of us.

By following His words, a believer will be like a wiseman who built his house on the rock and not like the foolish man who built his house on the unstable sand.

Read it, meditate on these chapters, and apply them to your everyday life.